

European letter of the water



- No life is possible without water. It is a valued asset, essential for all human activity.
- The quality of the water must be preserved in accordance to the regulations adapted to the various uses, and in particular satisfy the health requirements.
- An inventory has to be made of the composite resources.
- Water is a common asset the value of which everyone must recognise. Each of us has the duty to use it carefully and not to waste it.
- Fresh water resources are not infinite. They must be preserved, controlled and, if possible, increased.
- When water is put back into nature after being used, it must not threaten its later public or private use.
- The protection of the water involves a significant effort, both in terms of scientific research as well as the training of specialists and in providing .
- The administration of the hydraulic resources should be classified within the framework of natural catchment areas within the administrative and political boundaries.
- To change the quality of the water means prejudicing the life of man and the other living beings that depend on it.
- Maintaining the suitable vegetation, preferably forests, is essential in order to conserve the composite resources.
- To correctly administer water the authorities must draw up the appropriate hydrological plan.
- Water has no frontiers: it is a resource common to all that requires international cooperation.